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#### **A. List of Restoration Activities**

The Santa Lucia Ranger District will continue its efforts to restore land along Red Hill Road which has been damaged by OHV trespass. Efforts include organizing contracting services to perform restoration activities to land and plant communities in the Pozo/La Panza OHV area. The first phase of the Red Hill Road pipe fence project has been completed this winter. The second phase will include approximately 0.48 miles of pipe fence along Red Hill Road and 1.3 miles of smooth wire fencing along Burnout Trail to complete the project. This project will continue to protect critical habitat for the endangered plant, the Camatta Canyon amole and a heritage site which lie along 1.5 miles of OHV trespass trails.

An additional 1.0 mile of smooth wire fencing is proposed for routine restoration efforts to protect sensitive areas that have been affected by OHV trespass. The installation of barriers and signs, construction of water bars, and GIS tracking will be used to monitor and track potential trespass so it may be remedied before use and damage increases. Restoration efforts will include the purchasing of signs to enforce road closures to protect soils during wet weather season. Wet weather road closure signs will be needed in the Rockfront, Colson, and Pozo/ La Panza OHV areas. Enforcement and informational signs will be used in these areas as well.

#### **B. How the Proposed Project Relates to OHV Recreation**

The Pozo/ La Panza OHV area is one of the most highly used OHV trail systems in the district. Restoring areas of trespass will prevent OHV riders from using illegal trails that are not maintained to standard. Unauthorized trails caused by OHV trespass pose a safety issue to themselves and to sensitive plant, water, cultural, and wildlife communities nearby. Restoration efforts will protect critical endangered plant habitats along Red Hill Road and Benchmark trail from OHV trespass. Preventing trespass sustains the water, soils, plant, cultural, and animal resources.

#### **C. Size of Project Site**

The second phase of the Red Hill Pipe fence project will complete approximately 1.8 miles of fencing along Red Hill Road, Burnout Trail, and Benchmark Trail. The entire project will block off OHV trails created by trespass in the endangered Camatta Canyon amole habitat and protect a heritage site. Please see Red Hill #2 map.

#### **D. Monitoring and Methodology**

Barriers and signs will assist with the successful monitoring of the restoration project. Installation of smooth wire and pipe fencing is used to protect areas of trespass. Once unauthorized trails are identified and trespass is stopped, temporary fencing is removed and reused. The OHV technician has continued to monitor OHV trespass within the district with the use of GIS monitoring in efforts to locate areas that are in need of restoration. Photos are taken on a regular basis as soon as sever trespass is identified for accurate record keeping and reporting. Recreation staff, volunteers, and FPOs will patrol restoration areas at least twice a week.

#### **E. List of Reports**

#### **F. Goals, Objectives and Methodology / Peer Reviews**

The goals for the second phase of the Red Hill Road piped fence project include 1) restoring and re-vegetate 1.5 miles of undesignated OHV trails; 2) continue protecting archeological and threatened habitats, including the Camatta Canyon amole and the heritage site from resource damage; and 3) provide information/educational signing for the public. The 0.3 miles spur for the Burnout OHV trail will remain open for public use. Water bars and erosion control methods will be incorporated to mitigate negative effects to soils occurring on the Burnout Trail spur.

A biologist, botanist, and archeologist were involved with the analysis of this project. The Decision Memo states, "There are no extraordinary circumstances, which may significantly affect the environment." Please see attached Decision Memo.

#### **G. Plan for Protection of Restored Area**

Critical habitat degraded by OHV trespass trails will be protected by pipe and wire barriers along Red Hill Road and Benchmark trail. Barriers and signs will be installed near this project to notify the public of restoration efforts taking place. Patrolling of the current Red Hill Road pipe fence project is taking place as Pozo/ La Panza is a highly used OHV riding area. Three Forest Patrol Officers will be used to cover all OHV recreation areas, including the site of the Red Hill Road restoration project. Additional staff will be needed to patrol on weekends and holidays, which is why we are requesting funds for Law Enforcement.

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**1. Project-Specific Maps**

Attachments:

[Topo Map](#)

[Aerial View](#)

**2. Project-Specific Photos**

Attachments:

[Photos of Red Hill 2 Resto](#)

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009  
Agency: USFS - Los Padres National Forest  
Application: Restoration - Santa Lucia

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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	USFS - Los Padres National Forest		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Restoration - Santa Lucia	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION :</b>	<p>The Santa Lucia Ranger District will continue its efforts to restore land along Red Hill Road which has been damaged by OHV trespass. Efforts include organizing contracting services to perform restoration activities to land and plant communities in the Pozo/La Panza OHV area. The first phase of the Red Hill Road pipe fence project has been completed this winter. The second phase will include approximately 0.48 miles of pipe fence along Red Hill Road and 1.3 miles of smooth wire fencing along Burnout Trail to complete the project. This project will continue to protect critical habitat for the endangered plant, the Camatta Canyon amole and a heritage site which lie along 1.5 miles of OHV trespass trails.</p> <p>An additional 1.0 mile of smooth wire fencing is proposed for routine restoration efforts to protect sensitive areas that have been affected by OHV trespass. The installation of barriers and signs, construction of water bars, and GIS tracking will be used to monitor and track potential trespass so it may be remedied before use and damage increases. Restoration efforts will include the purchasing of signs to enforce road closures to protect soils during wet weather season. Wet weather road closure signs will be needed in the Rockfront, Colson, and Pozo/ La Panza OHV areas. Enforcement and informational signs will be used in these areas as well.</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
1	<b>Staff</b>						
	Other-District Ranger	2.000	422.000	DAY	0.00	844.00	844.00
	Other-OHV Manager	5.000	250.000	DAY	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00
	Other-OHV Technician	90.000	252.000	DAY	22,680.00	0.00	22,680.00
	Other-OHV Technician	30.000	243.000	DAY	7,290.00	0.00	7,290.00
	Archeologist	4.000	346.000	DAY	1,384.00	0.00	1,384.00
	Other-Soils	4.000	375.000	DAY	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
	Other-Volunteers	250.000	20.000	HRS	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Notes : Initial hours listed were 290; based on public comment, 40 hours were deducted for equipment operator work and are now						

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	listed below seperately to capture a rate commensurate with agency salary employees for the same type technical expertise.						
	Other-FPO Notes : FPO presence in areas of Restoration occurs on a weekly basis. At least three FPOs are assigned to patrol areas where restoration is taking place in OHV areas	75.000	252.000	DAY	0.00	18,900.00	18,900.00
	Other-OHV Technician	15.000	252.000	DAY	0.00	3,780.00	3,780.00
	Other-Monitoring Volunteer	100.000	20.000	HRS	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Other-Contract Prep/Admin	20.000	390.000	DAY	7,800.00	0.00	7,800.00
	Other-Volunteer Dozer Operators Notes : Per suggestion from public during comment period and in compliance with State OHV Reg Section 4970.05(f)(3); higher skilled dozer/tractor operator volunteers will be calculated as similar agency salaried equipment operator.	40.000	37.500	HRS	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	<b>Total for Staff</b>				41,904.00	32,024.00	73,928.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>						
	Other-Contract Notes : The contract includes the purchase of materials including 0.5 miles of pipe fence and 1.5 miles of smooth wire fencing, and installation.	1.000	89600.000	PKG	89,600.00	0.00	89,600.00
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
	Other-T Posts	200.000	7.000	EA	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00
	Other-2.5 miles Smooth Wire Fence	10.000	100.000	MI	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Signs Notes : Notes: Includes wet weather, enforcement, and informational signs for restoration areas.	1.000	1500.000	YR	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Steel Post	10.000	45.000	EA	450.00	0.00	450.00
	<b>Total for Materials / Supplies</b>				4,350.00	0.00	4,350.00
<b>4</b>	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
	Other-Vehicle Mileage	9000.000	0.480	YR	0.00	4,320.00	4,320.00
	Other-Volunteer Mileage	1000.000	0.550	YR	0.00	550.00	550.00
	<b>Total for Equipment Use Expenses</b>				0.00	4,870.00	4,870.00
<b>5</b>	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
<b>6</b>	<b>Others</b>						
	Other-GIS Training	1.000	1200.000	EA	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
<b>7</b>	<b>Administrative Costs</b>						
	Administrative Costs-Administrative Cost	1.000	10000.000	YR	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>					135,854.00	48,094.00	183,948.00
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					135,854.00	48,094.00	183,948.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>					<b>135,854.00</b>	<b>48,094.00</b>	<b>183,948.00</b>

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009  
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	41,904.00	32,024.00	73,928.00	
2	Contracts	89,600.00	0.00	89,600.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	4,350.00	0.00	4,350.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	4,870.00	4,870.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		135,854.00	48,094.00	183,948.00	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>		135,854.00	48,094.00	183,948.00	
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**ITEM 1 and ITEM 2**

**ITEM 1**

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)

**ITEM 2**

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

**ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands**

This project will not impact wetlands or navigable waters because it is not located near wetlands or navigable water. There are sensitive wildlife and endangered habitats located within the area of trespass that is being proposed to protect. These sensitive habitats are protected from impacts of OHV activities through management. Restoration activities are designed to protect sensitive habitats and improve critical habitat.

**ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project**

The Final Environmental Impact Statement, Land Management and Resource Management Plan, Los Padres National Forest and the subsequent amendments analyzed the immediate and cumulative impacts of the OHV system on the District. The closure of the undesignated trails will not impact other trails in the area and there are no known associated negative cumulative effects. This project does not impact the number of existing system trails and loops in the area. User groups will be concentrated to existing system trails and as a result, this will have a positive effect on the critical habitat for the threatened plant, Camatta Canyon amole and soil conditions.

The Santa Lucia Ranger District monitoring protocols act as an early warning for possible negative effects on soils, heritage resources, and wildlife/vegetation habitat. The results of monitoring enable the interdisciplinary team to design and schedule restoration projects specific to the OHV system in a timely manner. This results in project work being scheduled and performed so that no significant negative cumulative effects will occur.

In the future, new trails may be proposed for construction but not because the illegal trails will be restored. If new trails are built, there will be no significant environmental effects.

**ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts**

As a result of restoring the network of illegal OHV trails in the Pozo/La Panza OHV area, the project is designed to eliminate negative effects to soils. The portion of Burnout that will be pipe fenced off will receive conservation and maintenance and will be managed with intensive erosion control measures to prevent significant effects. All restoration activities are subject to Best Management Practices (i.e. no side casting of excess material) to protect soils and minimize risk of erosion. Signing, physical barriers, and enforcement all encourage users to stay on the designated trails and reduce or eliminate the possibility of impacts to adjacent soil and vegetation resources.

**ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources**

There will not be any damage to scenic resources since there is not a designated state scenic highway within or adjacent to the project area.



**ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials**

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

**ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources**

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

**ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts**

No conflicts with other uses will occur. The project is designed to prevent off route impacts by installing the pipe fence to prevent further creation of illegal routes. It will encourage riders to stay on designated trail routes and park along designated staging areas. District personnel will monitor the success of the restoration project.

**CEQA/NEPA Attachment**

Attachments:

[Decision Memo-Restoration on Red Hill Rd.](#)

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**1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)**

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is: 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points)  
☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)  
☒ 26% - 50% (3 points)  
☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

**2. Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 2.**

2. Natural and Cultural Resources - Failure to fund the Project will result in adverse impacts to: 6

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Domestic water supply (4 points)  
☐ Archeological and historical resources identified in the California Register of Historical Resources or the Federal Register of Historic Places (3 points )  
☐ Stream or other watercourse (3 points)  
☒ Soils - Site actively eroding (2 points)  
☒ Sensitive areas (e.g., wilderness, riparian, wetlands, ACEC) (2 point each, up to a maximum of 6) Enter number of sensitive habitats [1]  
☒ Threatened and Endangered (T&E) listed species (2 point each, up to a maximum of 6) Enter number of T&E species [1]  
☐ Other special-status species- Number of special-status species (1 point each, up to a maximum of 3) Enter number of special-status species

Describe the type and severity of impacts that might occur relative to the checked item(s):

Soil is actively eroding on 1.5 miles of OHV trespass where the endangered Camatta Canyon amole habitat and a historic mining site is located. Failure to fund this project would result in adverse impacts to these sensitive areas that are vital to the forest.

**3. Reason for Project - Q 3.**

3. Reason for the Project 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Protect special-status species or cultural site (4 points)  
☐ Restore natural resource system damaged by OHV activity (4 points)  
☐ OHV activity in a closed area (3 points)  
☐ Alternative measures attempted, but failed (2 points)  
☐ Management decision (1 point)  
☐ Scientific and cultural studies (1 point)  
☐ Planning efforts associated with Restoration (1 point)

Reference Document

The restoration area will protect the endangered species, the Camatta Canyon amole and archeological site. Please see attached Decision Memo.

**4. Measures to Ensure Success - Q 4.**

4. Measures to ensure success –The Project makes use of the following elements to ensure successful

implementation 8

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Site monitoring to prevent additional damage
- ☒ Construction of barriers and other traffic control devices
- ☐ Use of native plants and materials
- ☒ Incorporation of universally recognized 'Best Management Practices'
- ☒ Educational signage
- ☐ Identification of alternate OHV routes to ensure that OHV activities will not reoccur in restored area

Explain each item checked above:

Monitoring of the restoration project will include routine patrolling by OHV technicians and FPOs. Pipe fencing will serve as a barrier along illegal trails that have been created by OHV trespass. Best Management Practices will be incorporated into this project as listed on page 37 and 38 of the Water Quality Management for Forest System Lands in California handbook, 2000. Educational signs will be posted to inform the public about the restoration project and the efforts to protect sensitive areas.

**5. Publicly Reviewed Plan - Q 5.**

5. Is there a publicly reviewed and adopted plan (e.g., wilderness designation, land management plans, route designation decisions) that supports the need for the Restoration Project? 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

Identify plan

The restoration project is in compliance with the goals and objectives of the Los Padres National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and all the applicable laws, regulations, and policies (page 71). This project also complies with the district's designated OHV route system. All NEPA analysis and reporting was completed in 2005.

**6. Primary Funding Source - Q 6.**

6. Primary funding source for future operational costs associated with the Project will be: 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Applicant's operational budget (5 points)  
☐ Volunteer support and/or donations (3 points)  
☐ Other Grant funding (2 points)  
☒ OHV Trust Funds (No points)

If 'Operational budget' is checked, list reference document(s):

**7. Public Input - Q 7.**

7. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
- ☒ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
- ☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

This project has been discussed with the public at quarterly OHV Leadership meetings at the Supervisor's Office in Goleta, CA. Local OHV groups include Central Coast Motorcycle Association and California Trail Users Coalition. A Decision Memo also included a public scoping period for comments and discussion regarding this project. A field with the Forest Supervisor and the District Ranger will be held the first week of March to discuss this project with the public and other stakeholder.

**8. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 8.**

8. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 2

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 4 or more (4 points) ☒ 2 to 3 (2 points)  
☐ 1 (1 point) ☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s):

Central Coast Motorcycle Association and Cal Poly Penguins.

**9. Scientific and Cultural Studies - Q 9.**

9. Scientific and cultural studies will

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Determine appropriate Restoration techniques (2 points)  
☐ Examine potential effects of OHV Recreation on natural or cultural resources (2 points)  
☐ Examine methods to ensure success of Restoration efforts (1 point)  
☐ Lead to direct management action (1 point)

Explain each item checked above

**10. Underlying Problem - Q 10.**

10. The underlying problem that resulted in the need for the Restoration Project has been effectively addressed and resolved 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (3 points)

Explain 'Yes' answer

The public has been notified through scoping and comment of the increase trespass that has taken place in the Pozo/ La Panza OHV area and the measures that the Forest Service is taking to protect the archeological and endangered habitats along Red Hill Road. We have discussed this project at OHV Leadership meetings and to the general public with scoping measures within the NEPA process. Restoring areas of OHV trespass will be resolved by installing barriers with pipe fencing to prevent illegal OHV riding.

**11. Size of sensitive habitats - Q 11.**

11. Size of sensitive habitats (e.g., wilderness, riparian, wetlands, ACEC) within the Project Area which will be restored 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Greater than 10 acres (5 points)  
☐ 1 – 10 acres (3 points)  
☐ Less than 1 acre (1 points)  
☐ No sensitive habitat within Project Area (No points)